

**Commemorative Issues:**

**First Anniversary of the European Postal and Telecommunications Administrations Conference - 1960.**

The issue commemorates the first anniversary of the European Postal and Telecommunications Administrations conference held in 1960. The organisation was founded in 1956, initially comprising only six nations, the idea being to promote postal and telecommunication harmony between European nations. As an expression of this harmony, commemorative stamps promoting 'EUROPA' were issued by member countries using a common design theme.

For the 1960 issue, the common theme was the letter 'O' in the word 'EUROPA' being represented by a mail-coach wheel with nineteen spokes, one for each of the nineteen member countries.

The emblem itself was designed by the Finnish artist Pentti Rahikainen (born 1928), and can be readily seen on the Finnish Stamp shown alongside. Member countries Norway, Sweden, Denmark, France, Germany, Greece, Italy, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Portugal, Switzerland, Turkey and Iceland all used a very similar design for their EUROPA 1960 commemorative postage stamps.

**Designers of the British issue:**

- Pentti Rahikainen and Reynolds Stone** (1909-1979) - 3d & 1/6d (Conference Emblem).

**Printing details**

Printed in photogravure by Harrison & Sons Ltd, High Wycombe - single pane, reel-fed, producing a sheet of 120 stamps, arranged in 20 rows of six stamps.

**Issued date** - 19<sup>th</sup> September 1960. The issue was withdrawn from sale 31<sup>st</sup> December 1960.

**Quantities sold** - figures are shown above each stamp.

**6d** - 16,990,320



28 dies

**1/6d** - 7,682,520



8 dies

The following table lists the number of *all known G.B. Perfin dies* found on the *First Anniversary of the European Postal and Telecommunications Administrations Conference (EUROPA) issue*, and is correct to *1<sup>st</sup> January 2019*.

**Three** of the **30** Perfin dies can be found on **both** stamps:

B3030.01M "B.G/C<sup>o</sup>", D2260.02aM "DHE", and L1300.03M "L/&C<sup>o</sup>/L<sup>d</sup>"

	PS Cat No	Letters	6d	1/6d
<b>30 DD</b>	<b>&lt;&lt; Totals &gt;&gt;</b>	<b>36 DDF</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>1</b>	A2080.02M	A/EI	6d	
<b>2</b>	A4930.05a	A.S.	6d	
<b>3</b>	A5800.02M	AWG		1/6d
<b>4</b>	B0024.01	B	6d	
<b>5</b>	B1110.05M	BC	6d	
<b>6</b>	B3030.01M	B.G/C <sup>o</sup>	<b>6d</b>	<b>1/6d</b>
<b>7</b>	C0530.01M	C.B/B	6d	
<b>8</b>	C1710.02	CC/S	6d	
<b>9</b>	C3660.01M	CIC <sup>o</sup> L <sup>d</sup>	6d	
<b>10</b>	C7240.01aM	CSS/C <sup>o</sup>	6d	
<b>11</b>	C8570.01	CWW	6d	
<b>12</b>	D2260.02aM	DHE	<b>6d</b>	<b>1/6d</b>
<b>13</b>	E3460.01	E.P./&C	6d	
<b>14</b>	F3580.01	FRY	6d	
<b>15</b>	G0011.12M	G		1/6d
<b>16</b>	G1390.01	de in G	6d	
<b>17</b>	H1490.01	H&C <sup>o</sup> .	6d	
<b>18</b>	H5690.02M	H&P	6d	
<b>19</b>	J0190.02M	JAH	6d	
<b>20</b>	J0650.03aM	JB/&C <sup>o</sup> .	6d	
<b>21</b>	J5060.01	J.L.T.	6d	
<b>22</b>	L1300.03M	L/&C <sup>o</sup> /L <sup>d</sup>	<b>6d</b>	<b>1/6d</b>
<b>23</b>	L4000.01fM	L&M/L <sup>d</sup>		1/6d
<b>24</b>	M0011.02M	M	6d	
<b>25</b>	P5170.01M	PW/M	6d	
<b>26</b>	P5230.03M	P/W8		1/6d
<b>27</b>	S6440.11M	S&S		1/6d
<b>28</b>	T0008.03	T	6d	
<b>29</b>	W4370.01M	WILLS	6d	
<b>30</b>	W6780.01M	WS/CC	6d	

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